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FARMERS SLOW IN REPAYING AGRICULTURAL LOANS

KULAKS EVADE TAXES -- Rzeczpospolita, No 291, 22 Oct 49

This year's investment plan for rural enterprises has been fully met by the state; however, beneficiaries were very slow in paying off their obligations.

Financial aid for small and average-size farms this year included the following: for spring sowing, about 750 million zlotys in short-term credits were extended for the purchase of fertilizer, 600 million for seed and tillage, and 125 million for clearance of fallow lands; 1,240,000,000 zlotys were loaned by the Agricultural Bank for fall sowing, including 630 million for fertilizer, 375 million for seed, and 235 million for tilling. Financial help was also extended for the construction of new farm buildings, the electrification of villages, and the purchase of livestock, implements, machines, etc.

The repayments of loans have been very slow. This is also true of payments of land tax. Village kuliaks evaded taxes; small farmers followed their example and did the same. There are no valid reasons for these shortcomings. The progressive tax rate is perfectly adjusted to farmers' incomes.

In bank loans up to a year ago two endorsers who could furnish property guarantees were required. Now loans are available even to the neediest farmers. Again, not only the wealthy, but other classes also have fallen in arrears.

FARM IMPLEMENTS PLANTS COMPLETE PLAN - Rzeczpospolita, No 303, 3 Nov 49

On 1 November, the factories belonging to the Association of Agricultural Machines and Implements completed the Three-Year Plan. Approximately 320,000 various implements and several thousand tons of parts were produced.

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HOG-CONTRACTING PROGRAM OPENS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 303, 3 Nov 49

The hog-contracting program opening the second quarter of 1950 opened on 1 October. With 85,000 head of hogs already pledged by 15 October, it is estimated that 568,000 porkers will be contracted for during the quarter. The leading wojewodztwa are Wroclaw with 26 percent of plan, Bialystok with 23 percent, and Poznan with 20 percent.

DOLNY SLASK HAS 50,000 HEAD OF SHEEP -- Rzeczpospolita, No 291, 22 Oct 49

The annual plan to increase livestock farming has been met 100 percent in the Dolny Slask region, which at present has 50,000 head of sheep. The Six-Year Plan provides for 140,000 head of sheep in this wojewodztwo.

FARCY ELIMINATED -- Rzeczpospolita, No 291, 22 Oct 49

As a result of mass inspections throughout the country, all horses affected by farcy have been killed, and those threatened by the disease isolated. The owners have been compensated by the Treasury. Horses suspected of the disease have been treated successfully with subcutaneous injections of "mallein." A complete elimination of farcy has been achieved.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT OF NER RIVER VALLEY -- Trybuna Ludu, No 291, 22 Oct 49

At a conference held at the experimental station at Puczniewo, conducted by the Lodz Polytechnic, plans were drawn up for the development of the Ner River (tributary of the Warta) valley.

A study is being made of the application of urban and industrial sewage in irrigation projects. Such irrigation work carried out over 1,500 hectares this year increased the yield by 300 percent. The possibility of expanding hemp growing is also being studied.

MINE FIELDS STILL HINDER FARMERS -- Polska Zbrojnia, No 270, 2 Oct 49

During the last 4 years Army sapper detachments have devoted great efforts to extensive mine-clearing operations in areas of the former front. The action was facilitated to a certain extent after the mine-laying patterns were understood.

Even now farmers still refuse to till some areas for fear of mines, and sappers directed to the particular region carefully go over every meter of land until all danger is removed and the land can be returned to farming. In some areas mines have been buried in the soil for more than 5 years and are overgrown with brush and grass or covered by layers of sand; here, they have to be found by means of detectors or special picks, with sappers covering every foot of ground in close formation.

In spite of many hardships, sapper battalions have made great progress in the mine-clearing action; many officers and enlisted men have won special citations and promotions for their work.

After clearing, every field is marked by a sign post bearing the number of the unit and the date on which the action was completed.

During last summer, special training courses were conducted in sapper battalions, including every aspect of fortification, crossing of rivers, mine-laying, etc.

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